American Literature Vocabulary Unit #4

Define the following words AND write a creative sentence of your own using that word in a sentence in which the meaning of the vocab word is clear.

1. Abridge
2. Adherent
3. Altercation
4. Cherubic
5. Condone
6. Dissent
7. Eminent
8. Exorcise
9. Fabricate
10. Irate

Fill in the blank with a vocabulary word that would best fit the sentence.

1. During a recent interdenominational service in our community center, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of various faiths met to worship as one.
2. “That child may have an angel’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ features, but at heart he is a little devil,” I exclaimed in disgust.
3. A few of us who disagreed strongly with the committee’s conclusions felt compelled to raise our voices in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. “I think,” said the sales clerk, “that the phrase ‘hot under the collar’ aptly describes the typical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ customer that we have to deal with.”
5. Although I am not a particularly argumentative person, last week I found myself involved in a heated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a sales clerk.
6. “I am willing to wink at a harmless prank,” the dean remarked, “but I will not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outright vandalism.”
7. It is a real tribute to the ingenuity of the human mind that for thousands of years people have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ new and interesting theories of the universe.
8. After so many years of distinguished service in the U.S. Senate, she can properly be called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stateswoman.
9. In this clever spoof of horror movies, the local witch doctor encounters hilarious difficulties when he tries to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an evil demon that has taken residence in the girl.
10. In order to fit the newspaper article into the space available, the editor had to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it by omitting secondary details.

Write the vocabulary word for the synonym

1. dispel: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. supporters: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. enraged: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. angelic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. a quarrel: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Write the vocabulary word for the antonym

1. obscure: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. harmony, agreement: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. lengthen: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. to disapprove: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. destroy: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Etymology: Pick 5 words and research the etymology of the word (the origin of it). Include the word, what word(s) it stemmed from, what that word meant, and first usage.

1. 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Stemmed from :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Word meant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First usage: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Stemmed from :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Word meant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First usage: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Stemmed from :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Word meant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First usage: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Stemmed from :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Word meant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First usage: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Stemmed from :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Word meant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First usage: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_